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"Who Shall Roll Us Away the Stone?"

(Mark xvi., part of third verse)

When our earthly skies are gray

Who shall roll the stone away?

Saith the weary-laden soul,

What is this we, questioning, say?

While we struggle toward the goal,

"Who, away, the stone shall roll?"

When our loved have left us lone, What our sorrow shall atone?

Who shall roll away the stone?

On the last great Easter Day,

"God has rolled the stone away."

With His angels we shall say,

WAR PROCLAMATION **ISSUED BY PRESIDENT**

Calls Upon All Citizens to be Loyal and Assures Germans They Will Not be Molested if They Behave Themselves

WORD FLASHED TO ALL ARMY AND NAVY POSTS

Vessels at Sea Were Given Precautionary Warning-Plans for Cooperation With the Entente Allies Have Taken Definite Shape—Announcement Will be Made Soon That Allied War Vessels Have Been Given Free Admission to American Harbors-Both Houses of Congress Have Adjourned Until Monday-Unofficial Reports Were Received of President Menocal of Cuba Recommending a Declaration of War Against Germany and the Growing Sentiment for War in Brazil.

ALLEGED RINGLEADERS IN

GERMAN PLOTS ARRESTED

Sixty of Them Taken Into Custody on

Order of Attorney General Gregory.

Washington, April 6.—The arrest of sixty alleged ringleaders in German plots, conspiracies and machinations in the United States was ordered to-

Will Save \$18,000,000.

lew law authorizing the government

Call to the Colors Issued by Commo

dore James P. Parker.

ston, April 6.-Orders for the im-

construction material.

for several days.

SCAFFOLDING BLOWN ON

Caused Damage Estimated at Ser

MONUMENTS AND TOMBSTONES

Thousand Dollars at Greenwich.

MASS. NAVAL MILITIA

States today accepted Germany's are expected to receive them, except challengs to war and formally abandoned its place as the greatest neutral of a world in arms.

of a world in arms.

President Wilson at 1.18 (official time) this afternoon signed the resotution of Angress declaring the exis-tence of a state of war and authoriz-ing and directing the chief executive to employ all the resources of the na-tion to prosecute hostilities against the German government to a success-ful templostics.

Resolution Signed Without Ceremony. The act was done without ceremony and only in the presence of members of the president's family. Word was flashed immediately to all army and navy stations and to vessels at sea and orders for further precautionary steps withheld until the last moment were dispatched.

ders were issued soon afterward for the arrest of sixty ring leaders in Ger-man plots and intrigues.

Preparatory Measures Discussed. The president went over all of the great preparatory measures with the cabinet, discussing what has been acstood, upon arrangments for co-operation with the entente allies against the common enemy. Plans for co-operation are said to have taken very definite shape, though there will be no

The seigure of German ships laid up in American harbors was the subject of interested comment and legal officers of the government began consideration of the question of whether the United States can confiscate the ships outright or must pay for them after the war. In any event, as soon as they can be made seaworthy the fine mercan be made seaworthy the fine merchant fleet thus acquired will give
America a merchant marine that could
not be duplicated in several years and
add more than 600,000 to the tonnage
available for the transportation of
supplies and munitions to the allies.

Both houses of congress have adjourned over until Monday so that
their committees may be free tomor-

their committees may be free tomor-

Word that King George and President Poincare had dispatched messages of congratulation to the president was information received unofficially. Only unofficial information of mending a declaration of war against Germany by Cuba and the growing sentiment for war in Brazil.

Foreign relationship of the United States today underwent the greatest change in the country's history, change in the country's history, sweeping away virtually all the international questions of the past two years and substituting entirely new problems. As a result, the state department is being entirely recognized and the great mass of routine which has overwhelmed even the highest of-ficials is to be redistributed along

Enormous Amount of Work Expecte An enormous amount of work is ex-pected in the near future, with various commissions, military, economic diplomatic going back and forth tween this country and the al

Boston, April 6.—Orders for the immediate mobilization of the naval militia forces of this state, embracing about 1,000 officers and men, were received tonight by Commodore James P. Parker. He set in motion at once the machinery to call to the colors the companies of the naval militia at Fall River, New Bedford, Springfield, Newburyport and this city. Detachments from Boston, Lynn, Fall River and Marblehead have been in service for several days. There will be endless communications on matters of common interest. Free Admission of Allied Ships. when war became a fact was to pre-pare copies of the war resolution and proclamation for all the foreign mis-sion's here for immediate transmission to their governments. Cables were sent to American missions abroad and full mail despatches prepared to go forward at once. So much of this work had been foreseen that it merely awaited release on word that

he president had signed the proclamation.

Instructions prepared several days ago were sent to the treasury department to cease transmitting details of the armament and armed guards on ago were sent to the treasury department to cease transmitting details of the armament and armed guards on merchantment entering American harbods on the ground that henceforth no restrictions will be placed on such vessels. Announcement will be made soon that allied war vessels have been given free admission to American harbors. It is probable, however, that with the seizure of German shipping here and the enlistment of the American pavy in the patrol services. American navy in the patrol service, the entente will withdraw virtually all war craft from this side of the Atlan-

New York April 6.—The port of New York Governor Osuna and Generate New York hereafter will be closed at six or clock every night to all ships passing into neutral European armed ships into neutral European arme

Cabled Paragraphs

Paris, April 6, 4.45 p. though no recruiting station he in opened in Paris, the American abassy has received numerous offers to enlist from Americans resident in Paris or by letter and telegram from those residing in other parts of France.

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE WANTS MORE BOX CARS Filed Complaint Against Alm Every Railroad in the East.

Washington, April 6.—The Chicago Board of Trade has filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission a complaint against virtually every railroad in the east charging failure to supply Chicago shippers with an adequate number of box cars and requesting the commission to prescribe new rules to prevent discrimination against the city.

The complaint is dated February 8 but was not made public until today. It is supported by an affidavit of J. P. Griffin, president of the board of trade, saying:

in amounts varying from \$400, to \$1,600 per day, but that owing to the lack
of cars the shippers are unable to have
their grain transported to the ves-

The petition was filed at the height of the recent car shortage and congestion. Since then the car conditions generally have improved great-

May Use Them in Government Service and Pay for Them After the War.

but whether they will be confiscated or paid for after the war had not been announced tonight.

day by Attorney General Gregory im-mediately after President Wilson had signed the war resolution. present plans, for the duration of the war.

Indications are that a number of other arrests will be ordered within the next few days.

The men are placed in three groups: those who have been convicted of violation of American neutrality in furthering German plots of various sorts and are at liberty under bond awaiting German owners.

the action of higher courts; those who have been indicted by federal grand juries for similar offenses and are at that of American vessels sunk juries for similar offenses and are at that of American vessels sunk by ilberty under bonds awaiting trial, and persons neither indicted nor convicted cated outright, but that it would be out whose activities have been under best to pay for the others.

CONNECTICUT NAVAL MILITIA IS CALLED INTO SERVICE BIG SAVING IN NAVY'S Adjt. Gen. Cole Has Received Order STEEL BILL FOR 1917 From Secretary Daniels. Price Agreements With Manufacturer

Hartford, Conn., April 6.—Adjutant General George M. Cole received orders from Secretary of the Navy Daniels early this evening calling into service the five divisions of naval militia in early this evening cannot have the five divisions of naval militla in the state. The divisions will report at their respective armories in the morning prepared to carry out further or-

Washington, April 5.—A saving of eighteen million dollars in the navy's bill for steel during 1917, and of more than two millions in a single order for torpedoes, is represented in price agreements effected with the manufacturers today by Secretary Daniels.

The schedule of prices for the year's supply of steel agreed on at a conders.

The order will mobilize approximately 400 enlisted men and 25 officers, under command of Ebenezer Hill, Jr., of
South Norwalk. The fifth division, in
South Norwalk, it was said last night,
now has an enlistment of 79 men, or
19 more than the divisional requiresupply of steel, agreed on at a conference between the secretary and J. A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel Corporation, is the same the navy paid for its 1916 consignment and considerably below the current market. Details as to the amount or exact prices were not made rubble.

exact prices were not made public. In the case of the torpedo order, Mr. Daniels brought the manufacturing concern, the E. W. Bliss company of located in the following cities: First division, New Haven; second divis-ion, Hartford; third division, Bridgeport; fourth division, Hartford, New Haven and Waterbury, and fifth di-vision, South Norwalk.

to set a reasonable price for navy ma-terial and compel private plants to abide by them.

Mr. Farrell acted in the steel price negotiations as vice chairman of the special committee of the American Iron and Steel Institute, recently appointed by the Council of National Defence to facilitate the securing of Philadelphia Judge So Informs Appli

Philadelphia, April 6.—Pudge Joseph Buffington, of the United States circuit court of appeals, in addressing a group of men about to be admitted to citizenship today, informed them that any person, whether native born, naturalized, who knows of treason against the United States and keeps it to himself is guilty of treasonable act. It is like receiving stolen goods, the judge said.

The court also told the men that

court of the United States to the ef-fect that an alien who stays in the country in time of war "owes a local and temporary allegiance, which con-tinues during the period of his resi-dence."

PRO-AMERICAN SENTIMENT

Carranza is Said to Be Considering Expulsion of Germans from Army.

Brownsville, Texas, April 6.—Pro-American sentiment is spreading rap-idly in Mexico and General Carran-sa is reported to be considering rout-ing all Germans out of the Mexican army, according to information sent to Washington today by United States Consul Johnson in Matamoras, across the river from Brownsville. Consul Johnson's despatch was based

Consul Johnson's despatch was based on statements brought by a consular agent to Matamoros after the visit to Victoria, capital of the state of Tamaulipas. The agent there talked with Governor Osuna and General Cesar Iopez de Lara. They are quoted as saying that public opinion was beginning to turn against Germany and the alleged activities of Germans in Mexi-

British Drive Into the German Lines

N EFFORTS TO REACH THE CAM-BRIA-ST. QUENTIN HIG HROAD.

ENEMY IS OUTFLANKED VILLAGES

French Troops Continue

new rules to prevent discrimination against the city.

The complaint is dated February 8 but was not made public until today. It is supported by an affidavit of J. P. Griffin, president of the board of trade, saying:

"At the present time and for some time past there has been furnished by the railroads named herein a totally inadequate supply of empty box cars for the loading of grain and grain products so that at the present time there are approximately thirty million bushels of grain in elevators at Chicago, most of which is awaiting shipment therefrom."

Mr. Griffin adds that there are "numerous vessels under charter at east-

The Germans lost severely in the op-

French Recover Ground.

BRYAN OFFERS HIS SERVICES

Requests President Wilson to Plac

Him Where He Can Be Useful.

Association, aid in guarding the mor-als of the men in camp."

Mr. Bryan, with the rank of colonel, commanded a regiment of Nebraska volunteers during the Spanish-Ameri-

Held on \$20,000 Bond.

Ernest L. Ford, 24, recently return ed from five years' service in the Unit-ed States navy, committed suicide by shooting with a revolver at his moth-er's home at Windsor. No cause is

REBELLION AND TREASON

NEGRO CHARGED WITH

German Vandalism Without Parallel

DEVASTATION VIEWED BY AM-BASSADOR SHARP.

DESTROYED

Cathedrals, Churches and Chateaux men Abducted by Teutons.

Washington, April 6.—Never before in the history of the world has there been such destruction wrought by either a vanquished or victorious army as that which the Germans wrought in northern France, according to the report of a hundred mile trip in that section by Ambassador Sharp, made public today at the state department.

Towns Totally Destroyed. "Towns were totally destroyed," the nbassador reported, "for no apparent military reason and in many of the smaller villages scarcely a house re-mained with roof lptact."

From the town of Ham several hun-

Condensed Telegrams

The French line steamship Espagn urrived safety at a European port. A bread card, after the German nethod, is to be introduced in Swits-

Six or seven persons were killed and 40 injured in an explosion which wrecked a building at Chicago.

Directors of the Chicago Board of Trade passed a resolution favoring a national food control commission.

Twelve buildings near the shell-load-ing plant of the Bethlehem Steel Co., at New Castle, Del., were destroyed by

Bridgeport now has a population of 167,367, based on the usual propor-tionate figures taken from the military

Senator Foley's bill for a State council of Defense was reported favor-bly by the New York Senate finance ommittee.

The secretary of agriculture was directed by a senate resolution passes yesterday to submit a plan to increase the nation's food supplies.

Thomas Coyle and Joseph Schimpko, of New Britain, Conn., were sentenced to three months in prison for assaulting two netices. ing two national guardsmen.

Miss Margaret Wilson, the presi-dent's daughter, handed the Red Cross per personal check for \$1,000, the pro eeds of her spring concert tour.

ish navy, a member of a commission overseeing engine contracts for the Spanish Government, died at New Lon-

Stanley Deceado, a section hand, employed by the New Haven road, was killed near Charter Oak Park, Conn.,

The death at Rotterdam of ed for Wierdsma, president-director of the Fruit Holland-America Line, was announced

ciation, representing nearly \$700,000, 000 capital and composed largely o men of German birth or parentage wired President Wilson a strong piedge of support

By unanimous vote the Teutonia Singing Society of Fort Worth, Texas, numbering 300 members, all of Ger-man descent, adopted resolutions af-

The military authorities at Browns rille, Texas, are holding Martin Bur-iap, who said he is a Swedish subject for investigation. Burlap was detained as he attempted to cross into Mexico and after he was questioned by officer

A meeting of American resident A meeting of American resident of sojourning in London was held in Queen's hall to endorse the action of President Wilson and the American senate in declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and

TO REGULATE PRICE OF COAL shall be selected.

Federal Relations Committee.

Boston, April 6.—A resolution urging congress to take such action as might be necessary to regulate the price of coal was presented to the house today by the committee on federal relations. The committee endorsed the report of the cost of living commission which advocated federal control of the mining, transportation, sale and storage of coal.

Naval Militia and Naval Reserve, Nearly 15,000 Men, to Join the Colors Within a Few Days

IMMEDIATE ORGANIZATION OF COAST PATROL

Retired Naval Officers Are Starting to Posts to Relieve Every Active Officer Now on Shore Duty-Army Has Been Ordered Expanded to Full War Strength-It is Proposed to Have Congress Authorize Drafting of the Entire National Guard Into the Federal Service-Preliminary Steps Have Been Taken Looking to the Training of a Million Men in a Year.

Washington, April 6.—Measures to centers would provide for two infantry make ready for actual hostilities with divisions at each post. Presumably, Germany went forward swiftly today at the war and navy departments, and visions would be somewhere in the The University of Pennsylvania is president Wilson issued a statement region of the mexican borganizing an aero squadron of 60 students and will be equipped with six airplanes.

At the war and wilson issued a statement region of the mexican bordary urging the prompt enactment of the this mounted force can be taken to border patrol work to a large up tomorrow by the house military tent, relieving the majority of the 600 regulars now assembled there. at the war and navy departments, and visions would be somewhere in the President Wilson issued a statement region of the Mexican border, so that

An unidentified woman about 65 years old was instantly killed by being crushed in an elevator in a building at 1133 Broadway.

Mediately after the cabinet meeting, there supplying the instructors and the colors within two or three days, at 1133 Broadway.

Every pre-iminary arrangement has with little disorder or delay.

Mobilization means the immediate Governor Whitman signed the bill Mobilization means the immediate appropriating \$2,500,000 for the purchase of land on Rocksway Point for and the taking over of the swift, priand the taking over of the swift, privately owned motor craft already enrolled. Volunteer crews for these boats will be called out also. While he men were assembling, telegraphic orders to contractors in all parts of the country were on the wires providing supplies of every kind that will be hecessary. The messages were really for instant despatch when Secretary Daniels gave the word.

Retired Officers to do Shore Duty. Under the call for the reserves scores of retired naval officers are starting to posts previously selected for them to relieve every active officer now on shore duty and whose services can be spared. The active men will go to the fleets, active and reserve, and to merchant craft already surveyed and listed, and to be drafted into the

step already has been taken, however, to carry out the project of raising and training a million men in a year, and supplying them with full war equip-

War Strength of Army.

News that the status had been proships throughout the world as soon as the war resolution was signed at the White House. The only other thing that can be done at the war department without congressional action is a matter of conjecture. This official's to order the regular army expanded to belief was that the number ranged between 150,000 and 200,000. The great

the army in every detail, including he provision for selective draft to obtain men. Later in the day Chairman Dent of the house military committee called to see Secretary Baker, who will take the staff plan and its accompanying \$3,000,000 budget before the committee tomorrow.

tomorrow.

Draft Clauses of Bill. The conference had to do with the

siderable opposition is expected at the capitol. Mr Dent said afterward that he could not forecast the sentiment of congress, but that he personally was prepared to surrender his own objections to compulsory service and do all in his power to secure harmony of action between congress and the adily be classed as spies. ministration.
"I have been opposed always to the

herd herd systems for the army, and think it should be invoked only in time of actual necessity and emergency. However, I shall do what I can to keep the administration and congress in lagreement on the question and to avoid any conflict, especially at the present

To Call General Staff to Washington Plans have been laid for calling the full strength of the general staff to Washington to help in administration of the huge task of army building beof the huge task of army building before the department. Only half of the
authorized strength of the staff can
now be on duty here under existing
law. Congress is expected to remedy
this at once, however.

Pending a decision by congress on
the methods to be employed in raising
the army, a detailed scheme for appointment of new general officers and
setting highly efficient soldlers in com-

getting highly efficient soldiers in com-mand of each regiment cannot be worked out. The basis for this work. however, already has been established

Wide Latitude Left to the President Wide latitude has been left to the president in the selection of generals under the staff plan. They may be appointed from any part of the forces to be raised or from civil life. Up to and including the grade of colonel, however, it is desired by the military officials that men who have had re-

Thirty-six Major Generals. With thirty-two infantry and four

Jor generals and three times that num ber of brigadiers to be selected and commissioned, with colonels and majors in proportion. The grade of major is the highest provided for reserve officers and that of captain for the provisional list of enlisted men.

Complete Mobilization of Navy.

Complete mobilization of the navy was ordered by Secretary Daniels immediately after the cabinet meeting.

The naval militia and naval reserve.

To Draft Entire National Guard.

No further steps toward calling out the national guard will be taken until congress has acted. It is proposed to draft the entire guard into the federal draft the entire guard into the federal service, divorcing it from its militia status at once, instead of summoning them under their dual allegiance organizations. This can be done only with authority of congress. When that has been granted, even the 60,000 guardsmen now in the federal services on police duty will be drafted formally so as to do away with any possibility of dual authority over them or restriction on their use. on on their use.

GERMAN RESERVISTS ARE

UNDER STRICT SURVEILLANCE t is Estimated That There-Are Setween 150,000 and 200,000 in This

Washington, April 6.—The depart-ment has under strict surveillance thousands of German reservists resipected of having been connected with plots already brought to light or with plots abandoned before perfection; or who have been in German propaganda, or because of their accentuated lean-ings toward the German government pro-was the interests of the United States dur

posts and ing the war.
as soon as How many German reservists The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows an increase in gold holdings of 13,473,000 francs and a de-

here so short a time—not more that from three to five years—that they may be properly resarded as potential source of frouble. Unon this army the secret service and the bureau of investigation have concentrated much of their energy. It is alleged, they were the instrumentalities through were the instrumentalities through which Captains Boy-Ed and Von Papen carried out their activities in this country against the allies. A few of

SHIPS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY ed Seacocks of a British Collier.

San Juan, P. R., April 6. today were taken into custody by the federal adhorities. The seacocks of the KD-2, a British collier which was captured by the Germans, were openthe ship is slowly sinking.

The three German ships at Porte Rico are the Odenwald, the President and the KD-2. The latter was captured by the German raider Karlaruhe and arrived at San Juan in distress in January, 1915. She was interned. The Odenwold and the President, German matrhantmen, took refuge at San Juan in the early days of the war.

AMERICAN SUGAR REFINING COMPANY SETTLES SUITS Brought by Louisians Planters Amount-Said to Be Above \$500,000.

New Orleans, La., April 6,—Settle-ment of the 18 suits brought by Louislana planters against the American Sugar Refining Company under the Sherman anti-trust law, in Nov., 1913, which sought treble damages to-talling \$163,000,000 which effected here today at a conference of officials of the sugar company and representatives of the planters and cane growers. What the company agreed to pay the planters was not announced, but persons interested stated that the amount was between \$600,000 and \$700,000.

Stars and Stripes Beside Union Jack, ors in proportion. The grade of major is the highest provided for reserve officers and that of captain for the provisional list of enlisted men.

Sixteen Training Centers.

The creation of sixteen training received with enthusiasm.

NEARLY 100 GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS SEIZED.

Washington, April 6.—Nearly 100 German merchant ships in American ports which were taken over today by the treasury department probably will be utilized in the government service,

Anxious to observe treaty obligations strictly, and move in accordance with international law officials will examine and only in the presence of members of the president's family. Word was flashed immediately to all army and navy stations and to vessels at sea and orders for further precautionary steps withheld until the last moment were dispatched.

Procentation the president authorized the state of war, called upon all citizens to manifest their loyalty and assured Germans in this country that they would be unmolested as long as they behaved themselves. Or
long as they behaved themselves. Or
war.

ment.

The units of the five divisions are

SECRET KNOWLEDGE OF TREASON IS TREASONABLE

cants for Citizenship.

the judge said.

The court also told the men that under the laws of the United States a man who is not a citizen can be guilty of treason and quoted the supreme court of the United States to the effect of the court of the United States to the effect of the court of the United States to the effect of the court of the United States in the

IS GROWING IN TEXAS

Andrew J. Armstrong of Nashville

erations between Arras and St. Quentin during the past week, London reports. Many German dead were found
by the advancing British troops. Southeast of Arras the British have made
progress northwest of Noreull after
stiff fighting. East of Arras and near
Wytschaete the British have carried

dred people, neasty naif of them girls
and women over 15 years of age,
were reported taken away as prisoners.

The statement given out at the department follows:

Telegram From Ambasador Sharp. Telegram From Ambasador Sharp.

Wytschaete the British have carried French troops continue to recover ground captured by the Germans northwest of Rheims, where Berlin reports \$27 French prisoners were taken in the capture of Prench poms. Paris reports that grenade attacks Paris reports that grenade attacks have brought French successes in reoccupying lost ground in Sapigneul. Elsewhere south of the Somme there Elsewhere south of the Somme there ed in American newspapers, in regard has been no infantry action of mo- to the deplorable conditions, were in

no way exaggerated.

The German success at the Lobely bridgehead on the Stokhod, in Volhynia, is reported by Berlin to have resulted in the capture of 130 Russian officers and 9,500 men. The Germans also took 15 guns and 150 machine and man the warrs. tary. "In the larger towns or Roye and Ham, and particularly in the attrac-tive and thriving town of Chauncy, de-struction was complete. In many of guns and mine throwers. South of Riga, Petrograd reports, the Germans entered Russian trenches but were the other smaller villages scarcely a house remains with roof intact. Throughout the reconquered territory there reigns a scene of desolation, and this not only true where German milidriven out by a counter-attack.

Turkish troops are reported in retreat in Mesopotamia before the Russian and British forces, which joined hands Monday on the left bank of the this not only true where German min-tary operations possibly might excuse destruction in the blowing up of the bridges, telegraphic and telephonic connections, railway lines and the blocking of hikhways, by felling trees which protected the German retreat, but towns were totally destroyed for but towns were totally destroyed for no apparent military reason. Fruit Holland-America Line, was announced trees had either been cut down or at New York by the company. Mr. Wierdsma was 71 years of age. TO THE GOVERNMENT

Tallahassee, Fla., April 6.—Former Secretary Bryan today sent this message to President Wilson:
"Believing it to be the duty of each citizen to bear his part of the burden of war and his shere of its perils, I harshy tender my services to the row. Churches and Cathedrals Destroyed. "Blackened walls of what must have of war and his share of its perils, I hereby tender my services to the government. Please enroll me as a private whenever I am needed. Assign me to any work that I can do until called to the colors. I shall, through the Red Cross, contribute to the comfort of soldiers in the hospital and, through the Young. Men's Christian Association, aid in guarding the morals of the men in camp." which would scarcely pay for their re-Agricultural implements the farms were destroyed, churches and cathedrals were reduced to a mass of ruins by fire or by explosives

"At the town of Ham the mother of six children told me that her husband and two daughters, one 18 and the other 15 years of age, had been carried away by the Germans at the time of the evacuation. Upon remonstrating she had been told that as an alternative she might find their bodies in the canal in the rear of her house. She stated that out of the town's total population, several hundred people had been compelled to accompany the Germans, nearly half of whom were girls and women, over 15 years of age. A large number of French people, it is believed, in the evacuated town and surrounding country were compelled to go with the Germans, from the fact Nashville, Tenn., April 6.—A special despatch from Columbia, Tenn., says Andrew J. Armstrong, a prominent negro there, is in custody upon the charge of rebellion and rteason. The negro was placed in jail in default of \$3,500 bond, which this morning was increased to \$20,000.

the Germans, nearly half of whom were girls and women, over 15 years of age. A large number of French people, it is believed, in the evacuated town and surrounding country were compelled to go with the Germans, from the fact that few are now to be found there.

Unparalleled Destruction.

"I inspected on my trip more than 100 miles in the invaded territory and left with the conviction that never before in the history of the world had there been such a thorough destruction wrought by either a vanquished or victorious army."

dred people, nearly half of them girls

"A telegram from the American ambassador at Paris dated April 1, states that upon the invitation of the French government he visited on March 31 mony of the French towns recently retaken in the invaded terri-He was accompanied by one of the military attaches to the embassy. He found that the various reports cir-culated in France, which have appear-

exploded so as to completely ruin them, private houses along the coun-try highway, including some of the most beautiful chateaux of great value, were completely gutted by explosives systematically placed or by fire.

The navy closed contracts for near-

A new high record for hogs was established at Chicago when sales were made at \$15.75.

Establishment of a department nunitions, with a seat in the cabinet leing considered.

Six Allied hospital ships have been nined or sunk by submarines since the opening of the war.

A Massachusetts charter was grant-ed to the Atlantic Chemical Co., of Boston, with a capital of \$800,000.

Gold coin to the amount of \$500,000 was withdrawn from the Sub-Treasury for shipment to South America. The Panama canal terminal ports of Cristobal and Balboa will be closed to navigation between sunset and sunrise.

Thrushwood, the home of Irving Bacheller, author and playwright, at Greenwich, Conn., was destroyed by fire at a loss of \$100,000.

Henry P. Oakman, 85, president of the Guardian Cooperative bank of Bos-ton, and prominent in the cooperative bank movement, is dead.

James Apakian, a 14-years-old boy living in Boston district, is lamenting because his offer to enlist in the ma-

New York Assembly passed under an emergency message the Meyer bill, which allows the governor to organize

Hale Holden, president of the Chi-ago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad o., has been elected a director of the Mercants' Loan and Trust Co.

crease of 2,143,000 francs in silver.

Frank Monahan, chief of police of Jersey City, has resigned to remove legal obstacles to his. candidacy for

Negotiations are under way with a view to having the government of the province of Quebec take over the remaining 200 reindeer of the herd brought from Lapland in 1907.

firming allegiance to the American flag.

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS